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C O N F I D E N T I A L HELSINKI 0769

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SUBJECT: CSCE: POSSIBLE DUTCH PROPOSAL TO EXTEND MPT RECESS AND  
DELAY CSCE MINISTERIAL UNTIL SEPTEMBER

FROM USDEL MPT

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1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DUTCH IN VERY NEAR FUTURE WILL SUGGEST NATO COUNTRIES SHOULD PRESS THAT ( A ) MPT SHOULD EXTEND RECESS, NOW AGREED APRIL 7 THROUGH 24, FOR ANOTHER WEEK TO MAY 2, AND ( B ) DURING THE NEXT SESSION MPT SHOULD AGREE TO A WORK RHYTHM OF THREE WEEKS OF WORK FOLLOWED BY TWO WEEKS BREAK.

2. WE DO NOT RPT NOT FAVOR EITHER PROPOSAL. ON POINT ( A ), RECESS AGREEMENT RESULT OF HARD- ARGUED DISCUSSION IN MPT AND IT WOULD BE A FUTILE EXERCISE TO TRY TO CHANGE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT. ON POINT ( B ) IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO ARGUE FOR WORK SCHEDULE WITH PREARRANGED BREAKS EVEN BEFORE WE RETURN.

3. THESE TWO PROPOSALS RAISE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION: ARE WE PLANNING TWOARD OPENING CSCE IN LATTER PART OF JUNE ON SCHEDULE WORKED OUT WITH SOVIETS AND DISCUSSED IN NAC LAST FALL, WE AND SOVIETS HERE ARE PRESSING THIS TARGET DATE, WHICH WE STILL CONSIDER FEASIBLE AND REALISTIC, AND-- ON NATO SIDE-- FRENCH, UK, FRG, CANADIAN, NORWEGIAN, AND DANISH DELS TAKE SIMILAR VIEW. HOWEVER, DUTCH AND ITALIANS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN PEDDLING LINE IN CORRIDORS THAT WE CANNOT COMPLETE PREPARATIONS FOR LATE JUNE AND SHOULD PUT OFF OPENING CONFERENCE UNTIL AUTUMN. THE TWO DUTCH SUGGESTIONS CAN ONLY BE INTERPRETED BY SOVIETS AND MOST OTHERS THAT WE DO NOT SERIOUSLY AIM TO COMPLETE OUR WORK IN TIME FOR LATE JUNE. THE DUTCH SUGGESTIONS MAKE THIS A TIMELY MOMENT IN NATO TO ADDRESS THIS FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION.

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